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Title: Shakkar, The Great Leader

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A long time ago when the first citizens of Britannia set foot upon the land there was a virtuous man named Shakkar. It was my good fortune to have met this

paragon of nobility when I was just beginning my career as a blacksmith.

Shortly after I met him, he invited me to join an organization

of citizens who wished to pursue the virtues of the land, further their knowledge in all things and work for the common defense of those who could not defend

After conversing with Shakkar, I quickly came to the realization that he shared the same ideals which I strove to uphold. Further I felt that this group could be

a powerful force in the days ahead as the struggle between those seeking order and chaos began to unfold.

From the onset Shakkar worked to

relatively small but hard-working group of Britannians. All of us were commited to uphold the eight virtues in all things we did. Truly this group seemed ready to

face the challenges that lay ahead.

From the beginning Shakkar ensured that he understood the needs of all of those whom he had brought

into the fold.
Although we worked for the common good of our guild, our needs as individuals were never forgotten.
As a group we started by raising the guildhouse

located on the coastline South of Yew. Unfortunately in time our first guildhouse was compromised when one of our members was murdered and his house key was looted.

After this setback we were forced to build another guildhouse but this time Shakkar came up with a good plan. From then on everyone was to leave their runes and guild key

in the bank. Members had to either sail to the location of the house or recall from the rune in the bank box.
Further members were asked to check and see whether someone was

already at the house that could let them in.

Needless to say these measures protected our tower and then later the castle we built for our base.

Shakkar was always mindful of taking care of the needs of the members. A communal chest for reagents and scrolls was established allowing members to aid our mages with their

training. When one of our members wanted to sail we invested in a galley for him. When people needed weapons and armour there was always a helping hand to craft these

## things.

As a crafter I enjoyed aiding the others. Shakkar was always respectful, reasonable and humble when he made requests. I never felt that I had

some weight upon my shoulders or that I was chained to the forge.

Eventually when some of our members wanted to build houses of their own,

Shakkar was once again there to help. More than a few times I remember him donating his hard-earned coin so that others could have homes to call their own. Shakkar was never obsessed with

acquiring wealth for wealth's sake unlike many nowadays. He was first and foremost concerned with furthering the well-being and knowledge of all who chose to follow the eight virtues.

Shakkar was always willing

to drop what he was doing and aid us with our training. He would often arrange group outings to fight monsters, instruct others on strategies to survive when travelling in the wildnerness and even spend time aiding us with practicing our skills. In relatively short time our group became a formidable, well-equipped force.

When the factions of Order and Chaos arose it was very clear which side we were on. Shakkar worked very hard to aid all who sought to serve Lord British. Some of our people were amongst the first citizens to wield the Order Shield back when the right to possess one had to be earned. Through his selfless dedication to aiding us, Shakkar was able to facilitate our ability to accomplish great things. One of our members, Gabriel, was the first tamer to tame a dragon (and then a small army of them). Our seafaring explorer (whose name I have sadly forgotten over the years) found a couple of islands likely before others had seen them. We worked hard to master our skills so that in short order we could more adequately follow the virtues. And we were amongst the first to erect a tower and later a castle in the During this time none of our members ever wanted for anything. Once we had established a solid base, equipped ourselves

and mastered our skills we set out to aid newer citizens. Many times we fought against the dastardly scoundrels that plagued the land. When we encountered newly arrived Britannians who were victimized, we would often help equip them again. Tools, armour and weapons were given out many times during those dark days to the numerous victims of the lawless.

Shakkar led this grand organization providing guidance and advice. Never did we feel commanded. We worked together for the good of everyone and that is what made our guild great.

Unfortunately over time, as all things do, our wonderful group starting to wane.

Members started disappearing never to be seen again. No one knew what happened. We searched the lands and could find no trace of them.

The numbers of our order continued to dwindle and over time there were but a couple of us left.

Then one day something happened. I still do not understand this but somehow I was trapped in limbo. Perhaps a magical experiment gone awry? Though I have searched for answers I may never find them. But that is another story. After many years I

somehow escaped this limbo and returned to the realms. I searched for Shakkar for years and finally stumbled upon his current home after. Sadly I have not been able to find him in person and worry that perhaps he may have vanished from our realms like so many before him.

In all my travels I have never known a leader like Shakkar. One who seeks to further his knowledge and aid the training of others. A person who is selfless and willing to give to his friends so that they can achieve their hopes and dreams. Someone who can unite different people under a common goal of comraderie and friendship. Someday I hope that I can once again see my old friend and perhaps if I am fortunate enough, share new adventures with him once again.